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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR 6 TEENAGE SECONDARY  
SCHOOL STUDENTS

1. AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION,  
ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN FRANCE ARE BEING ADVISED THAT  
THERE WILL BE A COMPETITION IN HONOR OF THE BICENTENNIAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE COMPETITION IS TO  
BE IN ANY FIELD WHICH DEMONSTRATES FRANCO-AMERICAN  
RELATIONS (I.E. ART, MUSIC, A DISSERTATION, ETC.)

2. A BOARD IS BEING SET UP TO LOOK AT THESE VARIOUS  
PROJECTS AND DETERMINE THE WINNERS. BOARD MEMBERS WILL  
BE COMPRISED PRIMARILY OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFI-  
CIALS, PLUS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF FACEE AND A MEMBER  
OF THE EMBASSY CULTURAL STAFF.

3. FIVE OR SIX WINNERS WILL BE GIVEN AN 8-DAY TRIP TO  
THE UNITED STATES PAID FOR BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.  
AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE MINISTRY IS THINKING IN TERMS  
OF 2 DAYS IN BOSTON, 2 DAYS IN WASHINGTON, AND 3 DAYS IN  
NEW YORK.

4. AS MATTER STANDS, GROUP WOULD LEAVE FRANCE SEPTEM-  
BER 7, ARRIVING IN BOSTON ON THE 8TH AND WOULD REMAIN  
IN THE UNITED STATES UNTIL THE 16TH.

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5. ACTION REQUESTED: THE MINISTRY WOULD APPRECIATE

ANY HELP WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OTHER AGEN-  
CIES COULD GIVE IN ORGANIZING THE STAY OF THESE 5 OR 6  
STUDENTS. WHILE VISIT WILL BE SOMEWHAT TOURISTIC,  
MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO GET GROUP TOGETHER WITH AMERICANS  
OF THEIR OWN AGE GROUP AND HAVE THEM VISIT AMERICAN  
SCHOOLS, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE OPEN AT THIS PARTICULAR  
TIME.  
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